risingtide.org.uk

2009

Rising Tide UK, 62 Fieldgate Street, London, E1 1ES
Tel: +44 (0)7708 794665

Follow @risingtide_uk on Twitter

Find us on Facebook

info@risingtide.org.uk

© Copyright 2019

Rising Tide & People and Planet Target RBS Headquarters

Submitted Anonymous on Tue, 17/11/2009 - 19:56

[http://www.youtube.com/v/oTSLHjOZnhk&hl=en_US&fs=1]

Tags:

Action: Confronting the fossil fuel economy Video

Plymouth-Rising Tide 'Climate refugees' d-locked on Barclay's building's entrance!

Submitted Anonymous on Sun, 01/11/2009 - 16:40

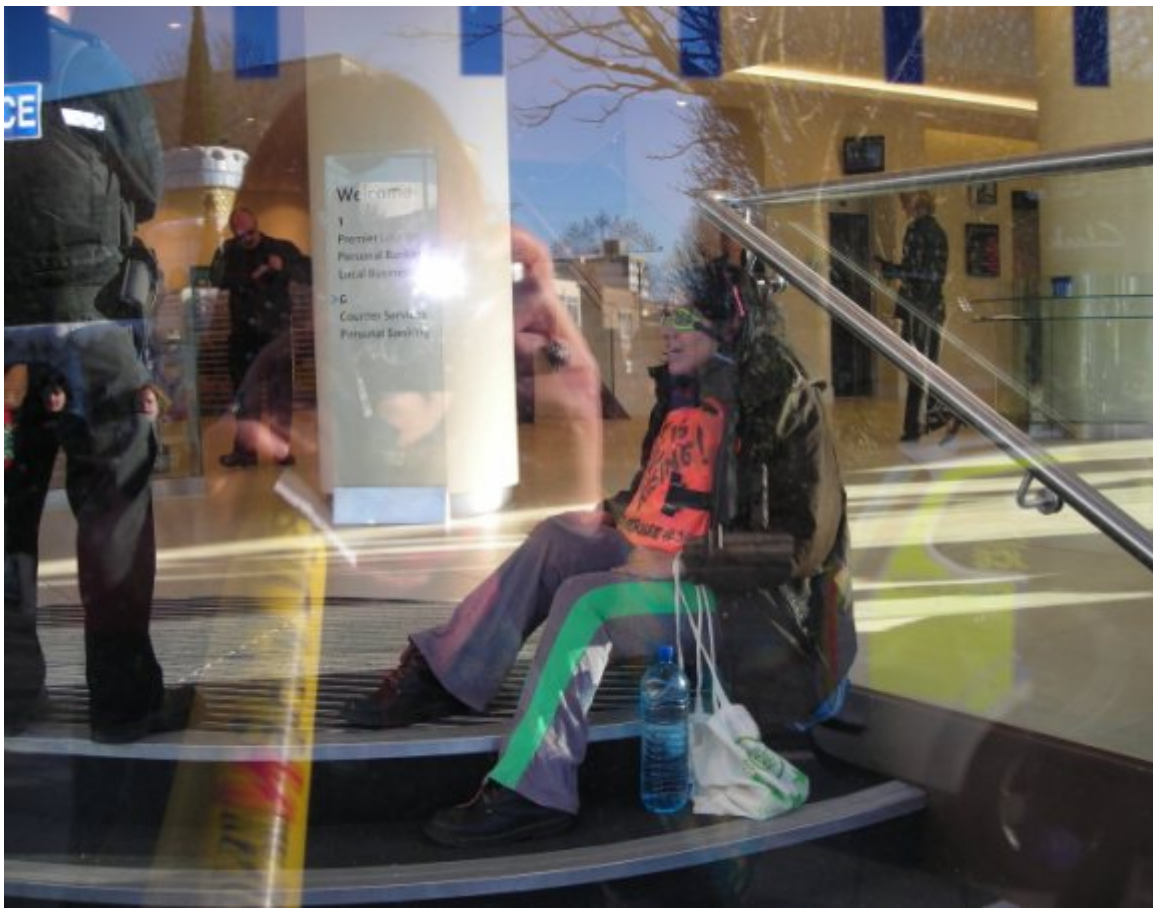
On Monday 30th November, Rising Tide-Plymouth 'Climate refugees' (and friends) d-locked themselves to Barclay's bank building's entrance in town, to highlight the investments this bank is doing on Coal, Tar Sands and Arms Trade in times of Climate emergency.
Coal is the dirtiest, most dated and inefficient fossil fuel.
Tar Sands Oil is the dirtiest and most expensive oil in terms of extraction and emissions -and global oil resources are running out! (1)
Arms Trade generates violence everywhere and also greenhouse gas emissions -Barclay's being the largest investor of all UK banks in this sector.(2)
Coal,Tar Sands and the Arms Trade are not only responsible for a phenomenal amount of global

Greenhouse Gas emissions but if they do continue, it will lead us inevitably to runaway Climate Chaos.

We have already around 20 million of refugees from environmental disasters caused by global warming.

This action remembered the power of the People to confront issues that endanger their future as people in Seattle did 10 years ago(3), when a massive direct action took to the streets of Seattle to stop the World Trade Organisation meeting to keep making profits out of our future.

Also, Rising Tide wanted to raise their voice towards Copenhagen Climate talks (COP15) where thousands of people pressured for real Climate Justice and to stop the 'business as usual' attitude towards Climate chaos.



Anne Smith, spokesperson for Rising Tide-Plymouth explained on that day: "Our future is
under a big threat called Climate Change, we, the people, need to take responsibility to do something about it. Today, tens of thousands are mobilizing to COP15 to say enough is enough.
Enough of putting profit before life. Enough of 'business as usual' at the
expense of our future. Enough of making excuses with false solutions to

keep exploiting people and the planet".

See the local press coverage here:
http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Arrests-follow-climate-protest/article-1563586-detail/article.html

Notes :

1. Tar Sands (oil sands)represent unrestrained fossil fuel use and
unchecked greenhouse gas emissions. See:
http://www.tarsandswatch.org

2. The Arms Trade alone provide 25% of global emissions.

3. In November 30th 1999 thousands of protesters shut down the WTO
meetings for 4 days. See:
http://www.realbattleinseattle.org/node/18

Community:
Plymouth

Tags:
Action: Confronting the fossil fuel economy Image

The Great Climate Swoop, October 17-18 2009

Submitted Anonymous on Wed, 30/09/2009 - 16:00

Don't be confused - 2009 is just another year of climate talks, in which governments and corporations will continue business as usual and tell us how a load of corrupt (but profitable) trading is in fact a real attempt to save the world.

To solve climate change we're going to have to get together and make a real noise. CO2 levels are rising 20,000 times faster than at any point in life's astonishing billion year history and coal is the biggest source of emissions. If we burn all the coal in the ground we're toast. No butter, no jam, just toast. So stopping the burning of coal in the rapidly warming world is a good place to start.

That's why on the 17th & 18th October 2009 we're having a mega get together to close one of the UK's biggest coal fired power stations, E.ON's Ratcliffe-on-Soar in Nottingham.

Another end of the world is possible.

http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/climate-swoop-2009

Tags:
Action: Days of action

Bristol Co-Mutiny Convergence Space: LOCATION REVEALED!

Submitted Anonymous on Sat, 19/09/2009 - 23:29

Call out to join the co-mutiny!

Bristol Co-Mutiny Convergence Space: LOCATION REVEALED!
If you haven't heard through the grapevine already Bristol Co-Mutineers have taken an old cathedral (of the holy apostles) near the Triangle in the Clifton/Hotwells area. The address is: Bristol Pro Cathedral, Park Place, BS8 1JW
The phone number in the building for anyone is: 07805756159 (this is also the number for the media to call).
See http://comutiny.wordpress.com/ for stuff going on till 20th September.

Community:
Bristol

Tags:
Action: Other action

London Rising Tide New People Film Night

Submitted Anonymous on Sun, 13/09/2009 - 13:09

London Rising Tide will be having their annual new people's film night on September 24th 2009 from 7.30pm at the London Action Resource Centre (LARC), 62 Fieldgate Street, London, E1 1ES Nearest tube - Whitechapel. The night will feature a couple of upbeat films to give an insight into the climate justice movement, followed by a short discussion and the chance to ask questions. Where we go next is up to all of us, so if this sounds like your cup of tea, do come along and get involved, there might even be cake! If you can't make it, LRT meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at LARC, so do come along or get in touch.

london@risingtide.org.uk
www.londonrisingtide.org.uk
07708 794665

An Introduction to London Rising Tide

Whether you were at G20/ London City Camp for Climate Action, or wished you had been, there's now an exciting opportunity to move things forward. LRT is holding a special **Film Night** for people interested in getting involved.

FILM NIGHT

730pm Thursday 24.09.09 at the **London Action Resource Centre** (LARC), 62 Fieldgate Street E1 1ES

The night will feature a couple of upbeat films to give you an insight into the climate justice movement, followed by a short discussion and the chance to ask questions.
Here's what the LRT group has been up to:

- **Actions and events against** the false energy solution that is **'new coal', new nuclear & exposing corporate greenwash** as the business-as-usual PR fraud it is - http://greenwashguerrillas.wordpress.com/
- **Consumer reductive street theatre** - http://www.londonrisingtide.org.uk/node/33

Where we go next is up to all of us, so if this sounds like your cup of tea, do come along and get involved. LRT meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 7.30pm, London Action Resource Centre (LARC), 62 Fieldgate Street, London, E1 1ES Nearest tube - Whitechapel.

london@risingtide.org.uk
www.londonrisingtide.org.uk
07708 794665

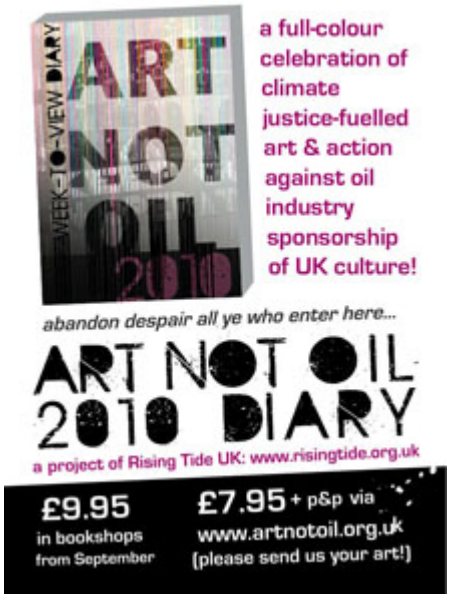
Community:
London

Tags:
Video Events

The Art Not Oil Diary 2010: Abandon Despair All Ye Who Enter Here

Submitted Anonymous on Thu, 20/08/2009 - 18:00

The Art Not Oil Diary 2010: Abandon Despair All Ye Who Enter Here



[/sites /risingtideuk.ecobytes.net/files/AIsheet2_later.pdf]

The Art Not Oil Diary 2010 is a beautiful, stirring 365 day reminder of the extraordinary art that is being made in the struggle for a safer, more just future, and the crucial role that our creativity will need to play if we're to have a chance of reaching that place.

Rarely sighted in the airbrushed outlets of the mainstream media, a time-honoured tradition of spirited, radical art is finding more than enough inspiration in a new century not only blighted by oil wars and climate chaos, but also blessed with reinvigorated movements for social and ecological justice.

A fair amount of that art has made its way over the last six years into the many galleries of Art Not Oil (ANO), a project set up by Rising Tide in part to see in the last days of fossil fuel industry

sponsorship of the
arts. (Grassroots exhibitions and creative direct actions make up ANO's
versatile toolbox.)

2010 sees it reach its 7th birthday, and to celebrate, it has produced a
desk diary jammed with resistance-fuelled artwork drawn from its nine
galleries, with flashes of humour, glimpses of darkness and even one or
two upbeat visions of the future. 52 of the strongest pieces submitted so
far have been gathered together in a compellingly-designed spiral-bound
diary that will appeal to artists, would-be artists, activists, would-be-activists, and anyone who wants a diary that is possessed of
beauty as well as bite.

It also contains a future 'fantasy timeline' of some of the necessary
inspirations that might get us to a moment in 2020 when we can celebrate
the end of fossil fuelled arts sponsorship.

The diary will be launched in October at the Arnolfini Gallery in Bristol as part of PLATFORM's 'C Words' series of events; http://www.platformlondon.org

Art Not Oil:
c/o 62 Fieldgate Street, London E1 1ES; Tel: 07709 545116
www.artnotoil.org.uk [http://www.artnotoil.org.uk] - (keep sending us your art!)

Tags:
Image

Attachments:

AIsheet2_later.pdf [https://risingtide.org.uk/files/AIsheet2_later.pdf]

Vestas Workers Solidarity

Submitted Toadministrator on Mon, 10/08/2009 - 14:12

Solidarity with Vestas workers
4 August 2009

On Tuesday 4th August, protesters (including Bristol Rising Tide) descended on the Bristol Headquarters of the Environment Agency in Aztec West carrying windmills and banners to support the action of Vestas workers who have occupied the St Cross wind turbine factory on the Isle of Wight for the last two weeks because of plans to close the site with the immediate loss of 600 jobs. A further two solidarity demos took place on Friday 7th August. A couple of Bristol RT'ers also visted the Isle of Wight.

Community:
Bristol

Tags:
Action: Other action

Greenwash Guerillas take action against the E.ON-sponsored theguardian CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT 2009

Submitted Anonymous on Tue, 23/06/2009 - 09:41

Dateline: theguardian CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT 2009, Hotel Russell, London, UK, 08:30-09:30, Mon 15 Jun 09 – Despite German-HQed climate criminal corporatrion E.ON's efforts to bag billions of quid from the British State to build new filthy dirty coal fired power stations at Kingsnorth, Kent and elsewhere, the Guardian still took its polluted money in sponsoring its Climate Change Summit.

The Greenwash Guerillas, London Brigade, Detection Platoon #1 could not let this obscenity go un-protested! View the footage here:

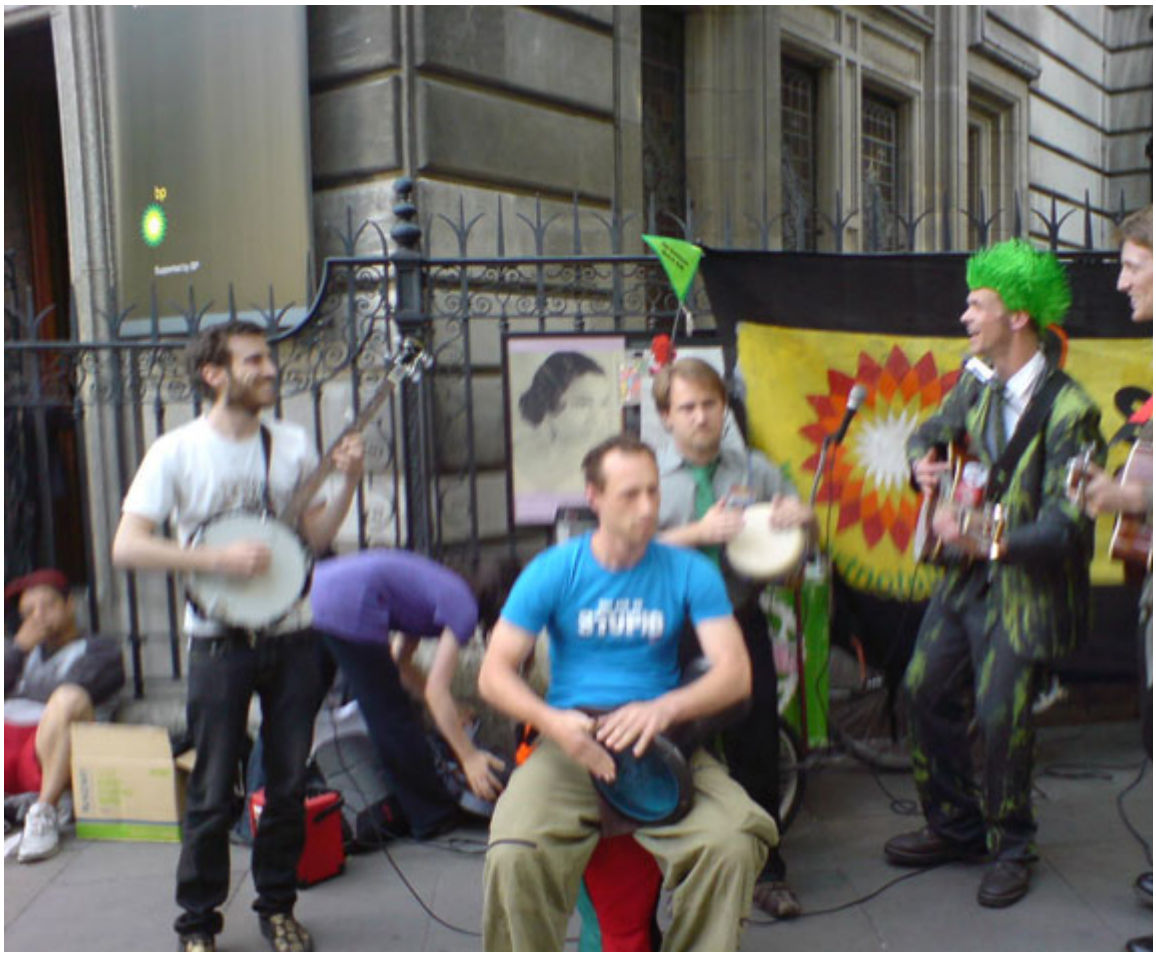
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li-2Hjv1NdQ
- http://www.youtube.com /watch?v=hYNCHqgUctw
- http://www.youtube.com /watch?v=VO4eUNoNAok

Community:
London

Tags:
Action: Greenwash Video

Disco-tinged resistance to BP at the Portrait Award ceremony, 16.6.09

Submitted Anonymous on Sat, 20/06/2009 - 16:48



New band Green Kite Midnight spent the early part of Tuesday evening serenading those
attending the BP Portrait ceremony with a series of tunes inspired in part
by visions of BP decommissioned. NPG employees were very helpful, (though
they were outnumbered by BP and BP-funded security men), and we set up our
banner and instruments just beneath one of the 'supported by BP'
statements on one of the huge posters on either side of the door. (It
seems that some people thought we might have been invited by BP. Ah

well...)

Below is the text of a message sent to one of this year's finalists, which
I hope is of interest. I also hope some of the points it raises feature in
any review of BP that the gallery might undertake before it decides
whether the contract with BP is renewed in 2012. And of course, any
ripples - or even waves - of concern from within the ranks of NPG
employees could make all the difference...

Cheers,

An Art Not Oiler

PS. Here's a picture of us outside the British Museum on night of its (activist-postponed) centenary party, 6.5.09)

And that night we were joined by the very naughty and very dead gaggle of oil zombies, who tried with all their might to

get into BP's party...

Dear

I saw that your painting had been selected as a finalist for the 2009 BP
Portrait Award - for which congratulations - and wanted to write to let
you know of our concerns about BP sponsorship.

Art Not Oil is a Rising Tide-run campaign that has been running since
2004. We believe that when a fossil fuel company has its logo connected to
a high profile cultural institution such as the NPG, it's likely to
receive undeserved kudos, and that public attention may be diverted away
from the fact that we are facing a planetary climate emergency, with the
long-term survival of our species, not to mention countless

others, under
threat.

It seems pretty clear that we need to cut drastically the burning oil &
gas - the products that make up by the far the largest part of BP's
portfolio of energy interests - within the next few years, if we're to
have a chance of averting some terrifying consequences. And a cut like
that would be a relief to communities and ecosystems around the world that
are bearing the brunt of oil extraction. It's very disturbing, then, that
BP is looking around for new ways to bring the last, most polluting
barrels of oil to market.

Many people pay tribute to the way oil companies and other corporations
stepped in to fill the gap created when Margaret Thatcher et al
turbocharged free market ideologies in part by slashing public funding for
the arts. I would argue that there would be a great deal of public support
for a campaign amongst top (and other) cultural institutions to be able to
free themselves from reputationally damaging oily relationships, by an
injection of public money. And if there were cries of 'There is no
money!', perhaps the campaign could call for a diversion of funds away
from military occupations that revolve around a mistaken need to secure

future oil reserves?

I won't go into much detail as to the problems connected to this form of
sponsorship - there is a fair amount about it on our website, and there is
some excellent work being done by PLATFORM on all this, but with
particular detail attention being paid to the way BP appears to be
shedding what small claims it once had to be beginning a journey towards
going 'beyond petroleum'. You can find their work here:
http://www.carbonweb.org/burning/capital/

I would be very keen to hear your thoughts on this issue, and of course
would be delighted if you felt able to raise any concerns you may have
more publicly.

Thanks for reading,

Yours,

Mark Brown, (Art Not Oil)

PS. Here are some points from our 'What's Right with BP?' leaflet:

* ‘Climate change is claiming 300,000 lives a year and costing the global
economy $125bn annually, with the damage set to escalate rapidly,
according to the first study of the immediate effects of global warming. A
further 300m people around the world are seriously affected by climate

change through, for instance, malnutrition, disease or by being displaced
from their homes, according to a report from the Global Humanitarian
Forum.' (Financial Times, 30.5.09).

* Beyond Petroleum? 'BP replaces [oil & gas] 2008 production by 121% &
aims to grow annual output through to 2020'; (BP Press Release March 2009)

* 'BP profits soar 148%', Guardian, 28.10.08.

* 'BP and Shell have discussed with the government the prospect of
claiming a stake in Iraq's oil reserves in the aftermath of war.'
Financial Times, 11.3.03.

* In 2007, BP bought 50% of the Sunrise oil tar sands field in Canada. Tar
sands are most polluting of all the fossil fuels. 'Canadian wilderness set
to be invaded by BP in
an oil project dubbed "The biggest environmental crime in history"',
Independent, 10.12.07; www.tarsandswatch.org
[http://www.tarsandswatch.org]

* 'Exposed: BP, its pipeline, and an environmental time-bomb',
Independent, (26.6.04) on BP's US-inspired and protected Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil & gas pipelines, which will produce over 150m
tonnes of CO2 each year for 40 years, causing untold damage to the world's
climate; baku.org.uk

* ‘BP slated for 'systemic lapses', FT, 18.8.05; 15 workers were killed
and 500 injured in an explosion at BP’s Texas City refinery on March 23rd
2005.

* ‘BP doubles corporate ad budget in $150m bid for greener image’, Times,
28.12.05;

* ‘Oil gushes into Arctic Ocean from BP pipeline’, 265,000 gallons, to be
more exact. Independent, 21.3.06
--
Art Not Oil: for creativity, climate justice and an end to fossil fuel
industry sponsorship of the arts. Look out for our nigh-on irresistible
2010 desk diary, available from September.
Also, 'What's right with BP?' postcards now available
c/o 62 Fieldgate Street, London E1 1ES; 07709 545116
www.artnotoil.org.uk [http://www.artnotoil.org.uk] - send us your art!
www.risingtide.org.uk
See also www.climatecamp.org.uk
[http://www.climatecamp.org.uk]
as well as Climate Indymedia: climateimc.org

Tags:
Action: Greenwash Image

Stopping Shell in Co.Mayo

Submitted Anonymous on Thu, 11/06/2009 - 14:24

Rossport Solidarity Camp
May - June 2009

At the end of May, Bristol Rising Tiders joined others from

around the UK and the Republic of Ireland for a weekend gathering at the Rossport Solidarity Camp at Glengad in County Mayo. The gathering had been called to support the local community in their fight to stop Shell and Statoil from wrecking their environment and destroying their livelihoods of farming and fishing. Shell and Statoil (the Norwegian State oil and gas company) are extracting gas off the coast of Co. Mayo and are now planning to lay a gas pipeline to connect the drilling rig to the gas refinery they are building on seized land at nearby Ballanaboy. The 150 people who came to the gathering took part in direct action workshops led by the Tripod collective from Scotland and learnt from local activists about the massive oil and gas developments planned for the Atlantic seaboard of Ireland. A workshop run by an activist from Platform also showed that the struggle at Rossport was just one of many being waged by small communities around the world against Shell - the multinational oil company. The hallmarks of Shell's operations are disregard for the environment, destruction of livelihoods, coercion and violence against local activists and gaining favourable terms by giving backhanders to politicians.

On Sunday the whole gathering and a large group of locals went to Shell's enclosure where they intend to bring the pipeline ashore. Unsuccessful attempts were made to pull down a section of fencing this being thwarted by the large numbers of private security and police. Several people scaled the fence. The confrontation ended in seven activists being arrested – one on trumped up charges of assault. A further small-scale action on Monday afternoon saw activists start to dismantle the causeway that would carry the pipeline up the beach.

The numbers at the camp fell to about 30 on Monday evening as people headed home after the weekend. It was at this point that the 'fleet' arrived filling the previously

tranquil bay. Two large dredging platforms were towed in by tugs accompanied by freighters to carry away the spoil, survey ships and a flotilla of 9 security vessels (rigid inflatable boats and motor launches) including one police RIB. The dredgers were there to dig a trench in the seabed to take the pipeline. They started work immediately and continued through the night. Tuesday saw the protest camp take to the water. 12 activists went out in an assortment of craft – most in inflatable kayaks. The initial aim was to test out the capabilities of Shell's security vessels. A game of cat and mouse went on for over an hour as the kayakers danced around the larger security vessels – then the police RIB moved in and by using police divers grabbed one kayaker (from Bristol). Following this arrest the protest fleet retreated only to come out a few hours later. Now intent on disrupting the dredging, the kayakers spread out and successfully drew the security boats off as two of their number made it through to the larger dredger. Meeting no opposition on the dredger they quickly climbed up onto the arm of the giant digger and halted work. They continued their occupation for the next ten hours and only gave themselves up at 4.00 a.m. when hunger and cold prevented them from remaining longer.

Two days later the kayakers of the 'Irish Flotilla' struck again and this time succeeded in getting several people onto a dredger. This time they met violent resistance from Shell's private security guards resulting in several injuries to activists. One protestor again occupied the digger arm and prevented work (see a full account at http://www.indymedia.ie/article/92596). Following this direct action, Van Oord, the subcontractor running the dredgers said they were unwilling to work with ongoing protest activity and the excessive use of force by the private security. This resulted in the entire dredging operation being halted and the fleet returning to harbour.

This experience shows that private security in expensive boats cannot stop dedicated activists in flimsy inflatable kayaks - direct action can and has stopped work for now. While this is a great victory, the campaign has already been a long one and the people of Rossport need our active and continuing support. Several local activists are now facing jail terms following repeated arrests and refusal to pay fines. Later this summer the specialist pipe-laying ship 'Solitaire' is expected to arrive. If you have got the time get out there – it's a beautiful place and great people.

See http://www.rossportsolidaritycamp.110mb.com for info on transport and how to support the local campaign.

Community:
Bristol International

Tags:
Action: Greenwash Action: Confronting the fossil fuel economy

RISING TIDE

risingtide.org.uk

Rising Tide is a grassroots international network of groups and individuals who take direct action to confront the root causes of climate change and to promote local, community-based solutions to the climate crisis.

Rising Tide UK, 62 Fieldgate Street, London, E1 1ES
Tel: +44 (0)7708 794665

Follow @risingtide_uk on Twitter

Find us on Facebook.com/risingclimate

info@risingtide.org.uk

© Copyright 2019